

them the most money for their preaching than of those who are not able to pay much or none." I remarked that that statement might be true in some cases, but not in our own case. This reminds me of the colored brother who joined a certain church, and when asked to pay something for the support of the minister, he paid \$10, and he said the preacher called him Brother R.; the next time when asked for the preacher's support, he paid \$5, and they called him Mr. R.; the third time he was asked for money for the same purpose he paid only \$1, and he said they called him Nigger R., so he quit that church. Now it really did look niggardly in him. Let us give freely as the Lord has prospered us and finally we shall be rewarded.

D. J. MYERS.

Charging Losses to the Lord

The Watchword.

How frequently Christian people make disasters or disappointment an excuse for cutting short their benevolent contributions! This is usually the first place where retrenchment begins, but it is both ungenerous and unjust. The following incident related recently in the New York Evangelist is a fine illustration of true Christian spirit:

"A benevolent man had made up his mind to give one hundred dollars to the Lord's work, but before it was paid over he suffered a disaster by a destructive hailstorm. An extensive conservatory just completed and designed for floriculture, as a business, was damaged to the extent of hundreds of dollars. 'I met him,' said the narrator, 'a short distance from his home, and was again invited to call and receive his donation.'

"While walking toward his home he said, 'I had intended to give this time \$100, but,' pointing to the greenhouse, 'in view of this calamity, I shall be obliged to reduce it to \$60.' I said nothing, but followed him into the dwelling. He gave me a seat, and then called Mrs. Pennock out; and, after an absence so long as to excite my wonder, he returned, and handed me his check for \$100.

"Thinking it possible that it was written by a slip of the thought, I said, 'So you mean this for \$100?' 'Yes,' he replied, 'my wife and I have talked it over a little, and we have concluded it best for us to bear the loss ourselves, and not charge it to the Lord.' Thus spoke the cheerful giver, such as God says he loves; and it was a spirit which, if carried out, would make all our Christian enterprises 'panic-proof.'"

Pa. State Evangelist Report for January and February 1900

Visited isolated members at Vandergift heights, in West Moreland Co., Pa. Preached two sermons and held a private communion. Time and Expenses, \$5.75; received as follows: collection, \$1.23; Cherryhill congregation, 50; S. H. Buzard, \$2.00; Wm. Davis, \$2.62. Total \$6.35. Due mission board total 60 cts.

At this place our brother Elder S. H.

Buzard preaches every two weeks at the close of the union Sabbath school which is conducted in the public school building. This building cannot be used in which to conduct a continued meeting, and at present the membership is unable to purchase a lot and build a house of worship. This looks to be a good mission point. I obtained the following subscriptions toward purchasing a "tent" in which to hold a meeting and organize and then make an effort to build a house for the Lord.

Wm. Davis, \$5.00; S. H. Buzard, \$10.00; Charles Davis, \$1.00; Lemuel Davis, \$2.00; J. C. Wampler, \$2.00. Total \$20.00.

Brother Buzard is gathering money from the sale of Bibles and by other means as mission money for the purpose of holding a meeting and building up of the cause of the divine Master at that place.

If all the churches in Pa. would take an interest in the mission cause as these few isolated members do Pa. would soon have a "Missionary Tent" and mission funds to establish churches in many places where many souls might be saved. Lord hasten the time when the "church" shall be established from the rising to the setting of the sun, and from the islands of the seas to the ends of the earth. "Awake Oh Zion put on thy strength."

J. B. WAMPLER.

Blanco, Pa.

College Notes

Reviews begin next week and that means a couple of busy weeks for the instructors and students.

Quite a number of the students attended the examination for teachers last Saturday. The majority of those who expect to teach now have their licenses and that speaks well for the training at the College.

Prof. Miller gave the Thursday morning's chapel lecture. His subject was "Animal Instinct." It was well given and many helpful thoughts were brought out which will be useful to all who heard them.

E. A. Garber, son of brother F. L. Garber, of Ankneytown, O., goes home this week. He has made marked progress during his stay here and expects to return next year.

Mr. Jacobs, an erstwhile student of the College, now a successful business man of Cleveland, renewed old acquaintances here this week.

The physiology class has special work in dissection this week. Much can be learned from the text book but there is nothing that impresses itself upon the mind like the sight of the real thing. A picture of a heart may be very well made yet there is a vast difference between it and the real heart that pumps the crimson fluid thru our arteries for years without a rest.

There is no royal road to knowledge. All who have traveled the way have found it so. How often we hear one say, "Oh I have no ability to learn." Then they will refer to some brilliant neighbor who seems to learn without an effort.

Do not be discouraged if you cannot learn quickly. Remember the fable of the race between the hare and the tortoise. In school the tortoise often wins the race. The bright student becomes careless and sometimes lazy, and just as sure as disuse will make the arm weak it will also weaken the power of thinking.

Many of our most gifted men were boys who were considered below the average. Dr. Buckley, the editor of the New York Christian Advocate was once sent to the grocery, when a boy, to get three articles for his mother. He had to make three separate trips. Today he has one of the most remarkable memories of any man before the public. Daniel Webster was a slow thinker when a boy. Others might be mentioned but just look around in your own neighborhood and you will find examples. Boys you thought were not very bright but who had the grit and perseverance to push ahead and today are your best citizens. Take Paul's advice to Timothy, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee," be it ever so small.

TWO MEN. "Two men plowed in a field. One plowed straight, keeping his eyes on the ground. No weeds grew and he gathered stores of corn. When he died his son inherited much land, and plowed his father's field. The other's furrows were not so straight. At times he stopped to listen to the lark, or to admire a flower that grew up on a weed. He knew the names of the plants and the times of their flowering. He knew the stars, also and their times and seasons. He died owning little of goods or lands. His son inherited his father's poverty. He inherited also, his father's love for knowledge, and became a great artist, whose name and fame spread over two continents." These men are contrasted types, one lived to plow, he was frugal, mercenary; gathered, accumulated, became rich, and was called a "solid" citizen; he indulged no sentiment about progress or culture, the blue sky or the bird song; the claims of humanity or the need of colleges. He bequeathed, his son inherited, and became like his father.

The other man plowed to live; he put manhood, soul-culture above money; he loved the natural things, the things of God; he lived the larger life; he educated his children; his son imitated his father and became one of "the immortals," a blessing to his fellows, a benefactor to his race.

Fairview Church, Ind.

The Fairview church is rejoicing in the results of a three weeks' meeting just held by Eld. G. W. Rench. The whole congregation is revived, the community blessed and five precious souls have been added to the Lord. Brother Rench preaches with the power of conviction. His blackboard talks and Bible readings have been very helpful. Many have been brought near the kingdom who may later be constrained to come in. The church means to help buy the Washington church house.

C. F. YODER.